



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Mathur, et al.
Serial No. : 09/880,729
Filed : June 12, 2001
Title : ENZYMES HAVING CARBOXYMETHYL CELLULASE ACTIVITY AND METHODS OF USE THEREOF

Art Unit : 1652
Examiner : Manjunath N. Rao

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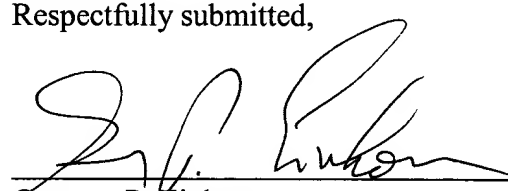
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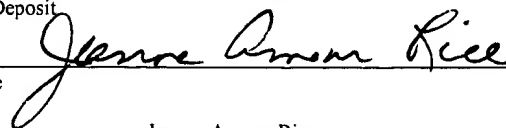
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Responsive to the non-final Office Action mailed June 23, 2003, Applicants respectfully request entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein. The response is initially due September 23, 2003. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

Amendments to the specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendment to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 7 of this paper.

Amendments to the drawings are on page 12 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Transmittal letter;
- Postcard;
- Exhibits A (USPTO written description guidelines) and B (recently issued claims);
- Rule 132 declaration by Dr. Jay Short, and resume;
- Corrected Figure 5C and annotated sheet showing changes.

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